GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA

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MILK PRODUCTS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware of the findings of National Round Table Report on the white challenge;

(b) if so, whether the Government are aware that there are serious doubts today and as reflected in the L.K. Jha Committee Report of 1984 about the veracity of the claims engineered by National Dairy Development Board(NDDB);

(c) whether the Government propose to adopt reliable methods of estimating milk production in the country; and

(d) whether despite such claims, milk products are being imported ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE

(SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): L.K.Jha Committee in 1984, has raised the issue of methodology of collectionof milk production figures. However, it is stated that NDDB does not generate estimate on milk production in India and therefore the veracity of claims engineered by NDDB does not arise.

(c): The statistics on milk production generated and published by the Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Ministry of Agriculture, Government of India on thebasis of National Sample Survey for estimating major livestock products (i.e. milk, egg, meat, wool) conducted in all states / UTs .

(d): Under the present Exim Policy Imports and Exports of Milk Products are allowed. While there have been some imports of milk products, there are some exports as well.